

## **Leighton Hospital Emergency Department** Monthly Bulletin: April 2009 to March 2010

This bulletin provides a breakdown of all injury attendances at Leighton Hospital Emergency Department (ED) between April 2009 and March 2010.

Between April 2009 and March 2010 there were 39,861 injury attendances. Injury attendances peaked in June (n=3,860), with February (n=2,454) having the least number of injury attendances (Figure 1).

For all months there were more male injury attendances than female presenting at Leighton Hospital ED (56%).

Figure 2 presents the age group of injury attendances. Across the whole year the majority of injury attendances were made by individuals aged 30-59 years.

**Table 1** details the injury group of injury attendances. The majority of injury attendances

were classified as 'other injury' (85%); 6% were recorded as road traffic collisions (RTCs) and 3% assaults.

**Table 2** illustrates the source of referral for patients presenting with injuries. The majority (73%) of injury attendees self-referred.

**Table 3** presents injury attendances by location of incident. A third (34%) were recorded as occurring in a public place and 29% in the home.

**Table 4** shows the discharge destination of injury attendances. Almost seven in ten of attendees were discharged (67%).

Assault attendees presenting at Leighton Hospital ED between April 2009 and March 2010 were mainly male (74%) and the majority (47%) were aged between 18 and 29 years of age. Table 5 shows the primary location of assault was recorded as occurring in a public place (52%).

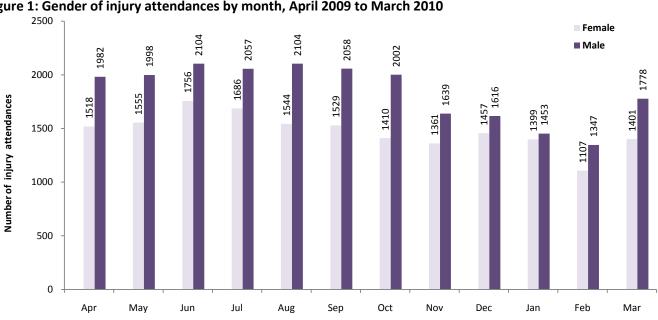


Figure 1: Gender of injury attendances by month, April 2009 to March 2010

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Figure 2: Age group of injury attendances by month, April 2009 to March 2010

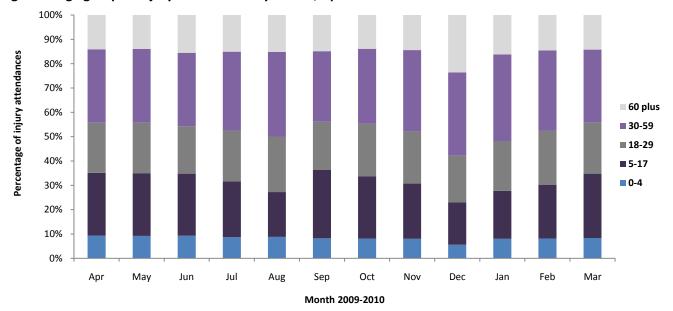


Table 1: Injury attendances by injury group, April 2009 to March 2010<sup>12</sup>

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|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Injury group         | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Total | %    |
| Other Injury         | 2993 | 3036 | 3301 | 3197 | 3049 | 3038 | 2910 | 2542 | 2661 | 2486 | 2095 | 2774 | 34082 | 86%  |
| RTC                  | 171  | 221  | 228  | 205  | 159  | 222  | 194  | 221  | 199  | 145  | 152  | 153  | 2270  | 6%   |
| Assault              | 134  | 119  | 123  | 128  | 177  | 105  | 121  | 96   | 97   | 83   | 84   | 94   | 1361  | 3%   |
| Sports injury        | 95   | 79   | 99   | 38   | 67   | 121  | 85   | 63   | 52   | 66   | 62   | 84   | 911   | 2%   |
| Deliberate self-harm | 69   | 66   | 52   | 66   | 78   | 38   | 61   | 44   | 45   | 59   | 47   | 57   | 682   | 2%   |
| Bites/stings         | 38   | 32   | 57   | 109  | 118  | 63   | 41   | 34   | 19   | 13   | 14   | 17   | 555   | 1%   |
| Total                | 3500 | 3553 | 3860 | 3743 | 3648 | 3587 | 3412 | 3000 | 3073 | 2852 | 2454 | 3179 | 39861 | 100% |

Table 2: Injury attendances by source of referral, April 2009 to March 2010

| Source of referral              | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Total | %   |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----|
| Self referral                   | 2614 | 2529 | 2804 | 2796 | 2758 | 2632 | 2461 | 2254 | 2219 | 2116 | 1765 | 2294 | 29242 | 73  |
| Emergency services              | 345  | 401  | 370  | 402  | 393  | 330  | 344  | 318  | 394  | 288  | 264  | 325  | 4174  | 10  |
| Other                           | 325  | 390  | 404  | 335  | 315  | 394  | 403  | 261  | 291  | 252  | 234  | 366  | 3970  | 10  |
| Work                            | 25   | 38   | 50   | 39   | 49   | 60   | 57   | 31   | 36   | 46   | 57   | 31   | 519   | 1   |
| Educational establishment       | 23   | 43   | 66   | 32   | ***  | 47   | 43   | 39   | 38   | 41   | 44   | 57   | 474   | 1   |
| Referred from minor injury unit | 45   | 52   | 56   | 48   | 46   | 38   | 32   | 27   | 31   | 28   | 17   | 41   | 461   | 1   |
| General practitioner            | 48   | 40   | 28   | 23   | 23   | 37   | 23   | 27   | 28   | 36   | 36   | 34   | 383   | 1   |
| Unknown                         | 34   | 20   | 30   | 36   | 19   | 18   | 25   | 8    | 9    | 9    | 5    | 17   | 230   | 1   |
| Police                          | 15   | 16   | 14   | 11   | 24   | 9    | 13   | 11   | 8    | 15   | 15   | 5    | 156   | 0   |
| NHS direct                      | 13   | 18   | 10   | ***  | 10   | 8    | 7    | 13   | 10   | 15   | 11   | 5    | 124   | 0   |
| Health care provider            | 11   | 6    | 25   | 17   | 9    | 12   | ***  | 10   | 9    | 5    | 6    | ***  | 117   | 0   |
| Local authority social services | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | 11    | 0   |
| Total                           | 3500 | 3553 | 3860 | 3743 | 3648 | 3587 | 3412 | 3000 | 3073 | 2852 | 2454 | 3179 | 39861 | 100 |

<sup>1 \*\*\*</sup> Please note that all numbers less than five have been suppressed in line with patient confidentiality and if there is only one number in a category then two numbers will be suppressed at the next level (e.g. <6) in order to prevent back calculations from totals.

2 \*\*\* Due to low numbers and patient confidentiality firework injuries have been categorised under other injury

Table 3: Injury attendances by location of incident, April 2009 to March 2010

| Incident location         | Apr  | May  | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Total | %   |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-----|
| Public place              | 1150 | 1259 | 1296 | 1258 | 1269 | 1328 | 1189 | 912  | 1087 | 1039 | 744  | 967  | 13498 | 34  |
| Home                      | 1065 | 1170 | 1212 | 1150 | 1096 | 974  | 898  | 836  | 918  | 787  | 674  | 934  | 11714 | 29  |
| Unknown                   | 736  | 604  | 693  | 727  | 802  | 608  | 666  | 668  | 548  | 548  | 514  | 630  | 7744  | 19  |
| Work                      | 233  | 192  | 226  | 224  | 229  | 236  | 239  | 213  | 212  | 200  | 217  | 238  | 2659  | 7   |
| Other                     | 203  | 163  | 240  | 264  | 247  | 222  | 207  | 184  | 180  | 149  | 153  | 190  | 2402  | 6   |
| Educational establishment | 113  | 165  | 193  | 120  | 5    | 219  | 213  | 187  | 128  | 129  | 152  | 220  | 1844  | 5   |
| Total                     | 3500 | 3553 | 3860 | 3743 | 3648 | 3587 | 3412 | 3000 | 3073 | 2852 | 2454 | 3179 | 39861 | 100 |

Table 4: Injury attendances by discharge destination, April 2009 to March 2010

| Disabassa dadisatia   | Apr  | May   | Jun  | Jul  | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Jan  | Feb  | Mar   | Total | %   |
|-----------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-----|
| Discharge destination | Aþi  | iviay | Juli | Jui  | Aug  | зер  | OCI  | NOV  | Dec  | Jaii | reb  | IVIAI | IUtai | /0  |
| Discharged            | 2377 | 2356  | 2503 | 2466 | 2408 | 2411 | 2298 | 2112 | 1905 | 1816 | 1699 | 2182  | 26533 | 67  |
| Referred              | 946  | 985   | 1126 | 1039 | 1041 | 967  | 912  | 770  | 982  | 924  | 658  | 864   | 11214 | 28  |
| Other                 | 89   | 124   | 149  | 157  | 124  | 124  | 146  | 58   | 112  | 55   | 37   | 54    | 1229  | 3   |
| Admitted              | 88   | 88    | 82   | 81   | 75   | 85   | 56   | 60   | 74   | 57   | 60   | 79    | 885   | 2   |
| Unknown               | ***  | ***   | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***  | ***   | ***   | 0   |
| Total                 | 3500 | 3553  | 3860 | 3743 | 3648 | 3587 | 3412 | 3000 | 3073 | 2852 | 2454 | 3179  | 39861 | 100 |

Table 5: Location of assault for assault attendances, April 2009 to March 2010

| Assault location          | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total | %   |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|
| Public place              | 57  | 73  | 57  | 67  | 103 | 61  | 77  | 54  | 39  | 40  | 38  | 45  | 711   | 52  |
| Unknown                   | 36  | 8   | 20  | 41  | 32  | 20  | 20  | 20  | 18  | 17  | 17  | 18  | 267   | 20  |
| Home                      | 22  | 22  | 22  | 13  | 30  | 18  | 13  | 10  | 32  | 14  | 17  | 20  | 233   | 17  |
| Other                     | 10  | 5   | 10  | 5   | 8   | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | 7   | 5   | 65    | 5   |
| Educational establishment | *** | 9   | 10  | *** | *** | *** | 7   | 7   | *** | *** | *** | *** | 52    | 4   |
| Work                      | 5   | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** | 33    | 2   |
| Total                     | 134 | 119 | 123 | 128 | 177 | 105 | 121 | 96  | 97  | 83  | 84  | 94  | 1361  | 100 |

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